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2-PHENYLBENZIMIDAZOLE-5-SULPHONIC ACID FROM ISOLATED  
3,4-DIAMINO BENZENESULPHONIC ACID AND USE THEREOF IN  
COSMETIC PREPARATIONS

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A process for the preparation of 2-phenylbenzimidazole-5-sulphonic acid, characterized in that 3,4-diaminobenzenesulphonic acid is reacted at a pH between 4 and 7 in aqueous solution with 0.9 to 1.5 mol of benzaldehyde per mole of 3,4-diaminobenzenesulphonic acid and with 1.0 to 3.0 mol of SO<sub>2</sub> per mole of 3,4-diaminobenzenesulphonic acid, or an agent which comprises 1.0 to 3.0 mol of SO<sub>2</sub> per mole of 3,4-diaminobenzenesulphonic acid, is described.